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Spacemobile To Land At AMA

New Posts for 7

Rays from the shining sun now have more from which to reflect besides the snow. Bright new collar brass is the rage at Augusta after Special Order Number 29 has been made official.

Among the seven cadets who were either promoted or reassigned, Jack May is certainly the most notable. He traded in his two pie plates and all his kiddie toys for the rank of captain and the right to command C Company. Jack seems pleased with the deal.

To make room for him, Captain Bill Lane was reassigned to D Company as its commander. Bill has done a fine job with C Company, taking it from a last-place standing to number four on the charts.

Although Jack seems to have caught all the attention, several other cadets were moving up the ladder. Second Lieutenant Crozier of F Troop was promoted to First Lieutenant to take Jack's place; Tyree Leath was promoted to Lieutenant of the Mail Room (he sure loves his new brass); and Gustavo Kandt was assigned as Ordnance Officer.

Also having something to write home about is Randy Rubenstein, who was made a Staff Sergeant in D Company. Assigned to F Troop as a Second Lieutenant was Pete Orndorff, who didn't want his rank because he felt that the Color Guard (of which he is a part) is a team and should not be split up.

Alexandria To Host Band, RR

Strutting out proudly in the crowded streets of Alexandria on the day of February 22 will be Band Company and the Roller Rifles. Honoring the birth of George Washington, Alexandria's parade is one of the biggest events of the year.

Competing with large military school bands and drill teams is not an easy job. Weeks before the parade, curious heads will look out of their windows to see two units sweating and suffering through many tedious hours.

An unbeatable record from last year dares the Band, Roller Rifles, and Color Guard to tie it. Taking four out of four-possible trophies, '67's units were great.

AMA Alumnus to Return, Teach

Next Monday one of AMA's all-time great basketball stars and a graduate in the class of '63 returns to teach in the social studies department and to coach JV basketball. High scorer with 338 points, Lt. Robert Gorgrant is no stranger at AMA, and in '67 his brother, Joel, also graduated from AMA.

Lt. Gorgrant attended the University of South Carolina.

Matty Appointed To West Point

Was the New York Post Office fire that bad? No, but Lloyd Matty might think so when he receives his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was appointed by his senator, the Honorable Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut.

Lloyd is known throughout Augusta and Fort Defiance by his vivacious personality, endless drive, and his fiery rhetoric. Presently he is the man in charge of distribution of the **Richmond Times-Dispatch** at AMA; he has the thankless job of bringing the outside world to the door of every Augusta cadet.

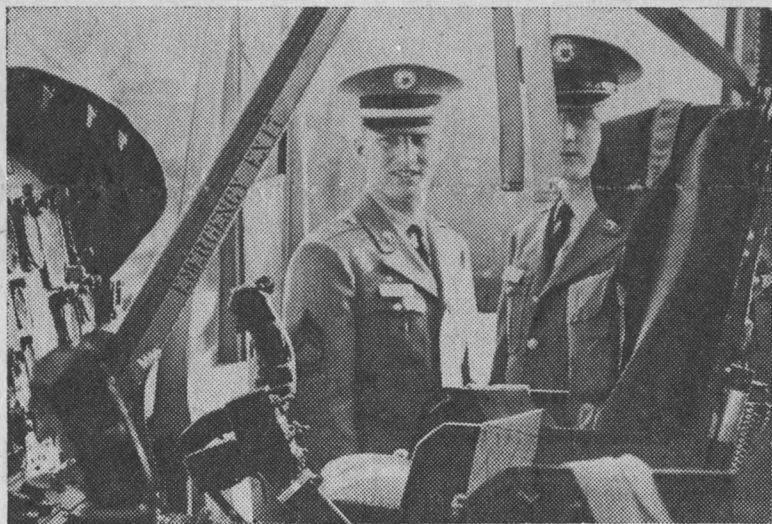
During Lloyd's three years at AMA he was a member of the

Bayonet, the debate team, and he made both the Honor Roll and the Privilege List. He lives in Bristol, Connecticut.

Congratulations are in order for such an outstanding achievement.

Play To Be Held

Some dramatically-inclined cadets would like to produce a one-act play for the corps. The play, **Major Milleroy Reports**, revolves around the theme of war and family relationships. It is hoped that the play will be shown in the spring. Auditions will be held shortly after Christmas Vacation. Only a few characters are in the play, so only cadets who are truly interested should try out. The Bayonet will do anything possible to help in the play's production.



"Where's the clutch?" says Harvey Bowers to Rol Harrison as they inspect a helicopter in Quantico. (See Page 4.)

Like Father, Like Son

Following in the footsteps of those who went before them are several cadets at Augusta. Carrying on the custom of being an AMA cadet is a proud tradition for people such as First Captain John McCutchan. Both his father and grandfather were graduates of the Academy. His grandfather was attending Augusta when it was in its infant years as a military school.

Captain Bill Lane's father attended AMA as a postgraduate and Cameron Bell's father was a first lieutenant when he left Augusta. Some others whose fathers preceded them at AMA are Cadets Hamilton, Bryan, Curry, Nevius, and McCulloch. Paul Thomson's father graduated as a company captain.

Presently upholding the tradition of a fine Augusta family is Bill Cease. His grandfather, father, an uncle, and an older brother all have attended AMA. Harvey Bowers can claim that his grandfather, father, and an uncle went to Augusta. Bob Echols really follows in the footsteps of his uncle, who preceded him by being a guidon-bearer, the same position that he holds now. The Lohman brothers' father and uncle attended AMA.

AMA Enlists Six

Six new new AMA cadets are rapidly adjusting to AMA's way of life. They are the first wave of AMA's mid-semester arrivals. Mike Cullon, Charlie Gray, Bill Morris, Jim Nuckolls, Ricky Bird, and Graig Snellings make up the six. The Bayonet asked three of the group, Graig Snellings, Ricky Bird, and Bill Morris, to tell something of themselves and give their opinions of Augusta.

Graig Snellings: Graig was born and lives in Baltimore, Maryland. He is very happy that he was assigned to B Company because he thinks that Harry Orenstein makes a great captain. He enjoys shooting baskets and playing baseball when it's in season. He said, "I'm pretty good at shooting a rifle, though I say so myself."

Ricky Bird: Rick is no newcomer to military life, for he spent three years at our friendly rival, SMA, prior to coming to AMA. He said, "Compared with SMA, AMA is a regular paradise."

Bill Morris: Bill comes to Augusta from the Iron City itself, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Town leave and taps are his favorites. Said he, "Bedtime is really cool around here; the first sergeant comes, turns the light off and tucks you in, and I haven't been tucked in since I was five."

Among his dislikes of AMA is its crowded schedule, and reveille formations.

NASA To Give Lecture



Great galaxies! A sneak preview of what NASA's Spacemobile will show.

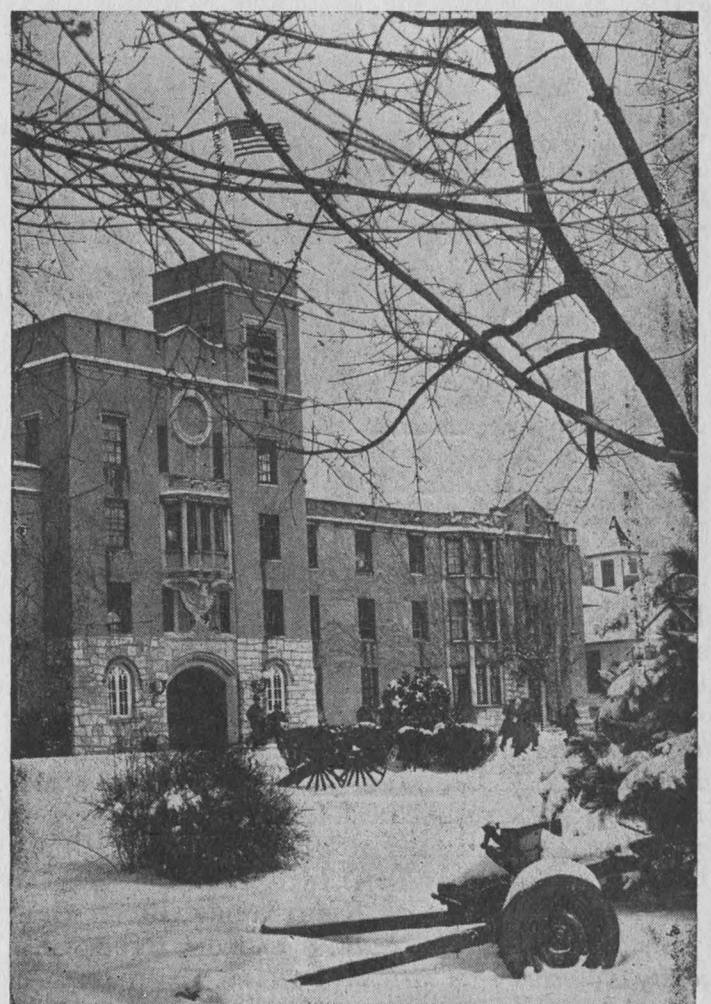
Rockets, satellites, communications, and capsules never cease to amaze an advancing nation—and AMA cadets. Soon, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will send its Spacemobile to the Academy's campus.

A varied and greatly interesting program will be presented by the Spacemobile on January 31. Usually, a morning lecture is given at 9:30, but this may be subject to change. Discussing the many phases and activities of NASA will be Mr. Fred M. Bell, Spacemobile lecturer.

Cadets will delight in the models which will be on display. Mr. Bell will discuss, among many other things, aeronautics, rocketry, propulsion systems, and satellites, using the models at the exhibit for demonstrations.

Probes, orbits, communications, human factors, and manned spacecraft will also be discussed and demonstrated. Mr. Bell's program will last about an hour. Charged with valuable material, it should keep cadets alive with questions about space and its conquest.

A great teaching aid for the space sciences, the Spacemobile is bound to be one of the year's highlights. Maybe one of AMA's boys will be an adventurer for NASA someday.



Snowbound at AMA, cadets seem to think that it will never end.

Reflections On Greatness

by Sam Judd

What is greatness? This seemingly rhetorical question has been discussed by the sages and philosophers of humanity since time immemorial.

Greatness has been defined as being eminent in an area along with possessing a nobility of character. But is this greatness? In line with this definition, Adolph Hitler, Stalin, Karl Marx, and Benedict Arnold were not great men; they were outstanding in their respective fields, but they were lacking in what we call a nobility of purpose. The preceding idea must be untrue. The above-mentioned men were definitely great, though their characters were not in accord with our standards of value.

Greatness has also been defined as that quality in man to shape history. By this interpretation, all great philosophers and scientists have been omitted because their contributions have not had a great immediate political impact on their times.

Is not greatness that ability or gift which an individual possesses which enables him to inspire other men to do actions that they would have not done otherwise? A man such as the late President Kennedy exemplified greatness not because of his actual accomplishments, which numbered few, but because he instilled a new awakening to the needs of America, he infused a new pride in being a twentieth century American, and he implanted a seed of youth into all of us.

Greatness doesn't come from the self alone. It only occurs when the overall society is rich enough to nurture such a characteristic. Have there been any truly great individuals to emerge from societies which themselves have not been great, if not materially, culturally?

Greatness is oftentimes associated with war. Great men always arise when their presence is required in some kind of armed conflict. Are these men great of themselves, or great because the times require a great man? I am inclined to think the latter. It is relatively easy for a man to become great in war because of the very nature of the conflict, but for a man to emerge great in peacetime is truly an accomplishment. Einstein, DaVinci, and Newton are only a few that can be given in example.

In summation, I shall quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson, who said, "Greatness is a property for which no man gets credit too soon. It must be possessed long before it is acknowledged."

Wayne's Problems

"Why me?" cries Daddy Gwaltney of F troop as he digs into his bottle of Excedrin. He has a hard job. As the year marches on, Cadet Captain Wayne Gwaltney wonders if it's all worth it.

Wayne was born in Petersburg, Virginia and is now residing in Dinwiddie County. Now a Junior at Augusta, he is devoting much of his precious time toward being the Fire Marshall at AMA. He is also working at home as a volunteer fireman and hopes to become a Virginia State Policeman. Being a Cassanova over at Stuart Hall takes care of his social activities.

When the question was brought up about his major goal, Wayne emphatically stated, "I want my company brought up to Sergeant Dillow's standards, then I'll be happy." So far, he has been very proud of his little men, their parades and appearance has been outstanding. Under the most competent leadership of Captain Wayne Gwaltney, they hope to soon overtake Band Company and emerge number one in the company ratings.



Why is Papa Wayne smiling? The JUNIORS love him.

Cadets Express Their Opinions

Two questions of major importance to the cadet corps were asked them this month by the roving reporter. They were, "What is your opinion of the hippies?" and, "Why in your opinion is the attendance poor at our formal dances?"

Cadets Dislike Hippies

In reply to the first question, Vernon Osgood said, "I believe that the main ideas of the hippies are good, but why must they present themselves in that manner?" Fred Lapp stated, "Their ideals are good but their methods are wrong." Sam Judd added, "They cannot possibly gain acceptance by society as a whole so long as they represent filth and immorality." Jack Meyer replied, "Look at people who have lost sons in the war, and then see what you think of people who never wash, and who think they are doing something good by burning their draft cards. It would do this country good to exterminate them."

Dances Bring Varied Discussion

Answering the second question, John West said, "I think the music is bad. We need more soul." Ron Gerber observantly stated, "The guys are too shy to go out and meet girls." Howie Kaplan: "Most of the cadets are too busy waxing their floors and washing their windows for Sunday Morning Inspection." Greg Wolff says, "There aren't enough girls here because the cadets don't write girls. You'd think that guys who are without girls as we are should be more aggressive." Greg/Cregg: "I believe that the response would be better if there were blind dates." Burt Cummings said, "The music is too fast for a formal."

On Reckoning Day

by Larry Reed

Exams, exams, exams has been the phrase as the fateful week approached, and cadets were constantly reminded that study was the word. Addresses by Col. Livick and semester reviews have prepared students for all that they should know and with what they will need to know in this outpouring of knowledge. The time has come to either "make it or break it".

Some cadets will have no trouble with their tests. Studying for exams has been nothing to them because they have studied all year. Nearly perfect papers will be completed by these endeavoring boys in no time. Students such as these have nothing to worry about in the next few days.

But others are not so lucky (or tactical, I should say). The midnight oil has been burning late at night in their rooms as it never had before. Tortured minds, tormented souls, and sweaty palms are the tell-tale marks of boys who study for the first time. "Do not disturb" signs have been hung outside of the doors, and "cramming for exams" is the expression of the times. Theirs is a tiring and traumatic experience.

"It's a Jap job!" they cry. They don't realize that their teachers are simply quizzing them on material which they have been reviewing all year. During review classes, they were dumbfounded at what they are supposed to know by this time. What they have failed to study and learn in the past week will be reflected in their exam grades.

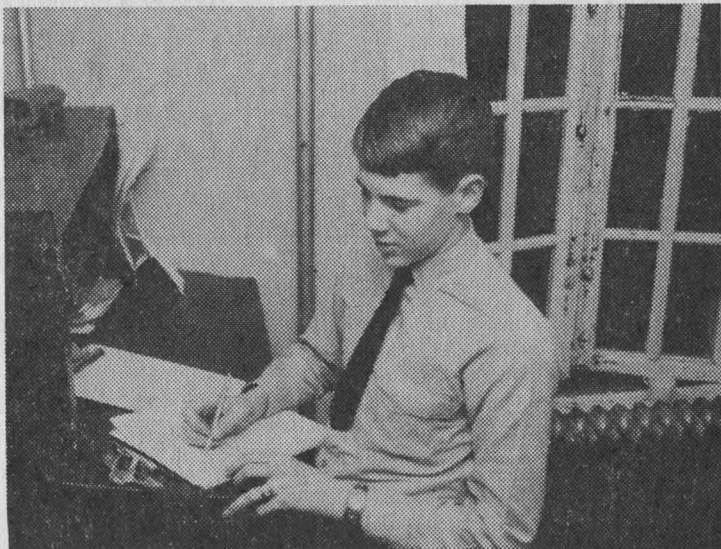
If a cadet has not made an effort to study his material since the beginning of the year, he has no hope of knowing it well three months later. A student cannot say, "I'll do it tomorrow" to his homework forever. Putting work aside and forgetting it does not accomplish a thing, except to prove that the student is lazy and incompetent.

Students who do not work for good grades do not deserve them. Yet, at the end of every marking period, several cadets come begging to their teachers to raise their grades in order that they could make the Honor Roll or Privilege List. If a boy really wants to have these awards, he should study enough to be sure that he will make it.

Preparation for exams begins on the first day of school when a student walks out of class with his first load of homework under his arm. The first day of any class is the most important for it is then that a student should determine whether he is going to put out for the year or not. Cadets who do study the first day, and every day until June, will be able to answer anything on their quizzes, tests, and exams. But boys who fail to do this will (and are) finding themselves lacking.

To those who have studied for exams, congratulations. To those who have not, good luck.

Reports, Calls Fill Guard's Day



Will it never end? It's a long day for guard Jim Flannigan. A guard's job is never done. His day starts at 3:00 p.m. and lasts for the next 24 hours. As most old cadets can say, it is a very hard job.

Guard rosters are written up by Captain Jack Prentice, who carefully selects these cadets for each day's guard detail. He is the one that is responsible for the fine integrity and loyalty of each guard.

In charge of the guard detail is the Officer of the Day, who is a saber-bearing cadet below the rank of captain. The Sergeant of the Guard is either a staff sergeant or a sergeant first class. A buck sergeant, corporal, or old cadet private can qualify for Corporal of the Guard.

Giving up his nice warm bed in barracks, the OD sleeps in the Guardhouse. This is a great sacrifice. First one up in the morning, it is his job to see that reveille is blown on time. He is responsible for all calls going on time during the day.

A guard's last official duty of the day is writing up the days report sheets so it can be turned in on time to the Sergeant Major, Gary Paul. After that, he goes back to his room to rest and know that his job is done.

Jardin Explores Canada

About as popular at AMA as graduation is Mr. Jardin. He visits Augusta every year, delighting the cadets with his stories of the American Northwest. His visit this year is scheduled for mid-February.

While on his hikes and travels, Mr. Jardin takes movies of the wildlife he observes. In a fine narrative voice, he discusses and describes the film. His talk brings silence to the corps as they are aghast at the breath-taking views which he films. After the movie, he is open for questions.

Mr. Jardin's topic this year is "Living with the Indians in Canada". It sounds as if he will have an interesting talk, and AMA's boys are waiting for it.

Alumnus Donates To VMI

A gift in excess of \$1,000 was presented to the Virginia Military Institute Foundation by Sr. Adolfo Ponzanelli, the only Mexican citizen to have graduated from VMI. Sr. Ponzanelli graduated from Augusta in 1928 and entered VMI shortly thereafter. He graduated from VMI in 1933 as a civil engineer. He is presently one of the leading industrialists in Mexico. A thousand dollars of this fund has been set aside in memory of the deceased "brother rats" of the donor.

Sr. Ponzanelli has truly personafied the ideals that AMA tries to instill into all of its graduates.

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Karate Students Show Progress

"I was only kidding," bellowed Warren Boyd as Mr. Mizer, AMA's karate instructor, executed a mae-tobi-geri toward his head (above). In truth Mr. Mizer was only demonstrating for the sake of the camera, but if he had connected, AMA would no doubt have a four-man color guard.

The mae-tobi-geri, or flying front kick, is only one of countless self-defense techniques that are being taught to members of the Augusta Karate Club. The training is difficult, and the attainment of perfection in any way is still a far-off and almost inconceivable dream. Warren Boyd, Joe Wenzel, Mark Aronson, and others like them have yet to be discouraged, for they have realized that once mastered, karate allows a restive ease and a mental-physical unity unattainable in any other manner. Unfortunately, many AMA cadets have failed to see the obvious benefits that are being offered under their noses. To begin with, the military department does not offer any training in personal combat. What better way to supplement military tactics and science than with practical experience in hand-to-hand defense? Those who will not enter into the armed forces after graduation may



"Kiai"

never have to call upon their knowledge of weapons, maps, and other subjects taught in the MST grades, but who can truthfully say that he will never have to defend himself or loved ones at some time in his life? To further this argument it may be added that while karate schools all over the country have an inclination to charge outrageous prices, Mr. Mizer offers his services for an extremely low cost: ten dollars monthly.

Don't be lead to believe that the low cost of the course in any way

indicates that the training is below par, or that the student will get something for nothing. Mr. Mizer is a highly competent, superbly trained and self-disciplined individual. His formal education in the art of karate has cost him a small fortune, and he is not about to pass on his knowledge in a manner degrading to his position. He offers a great deal more than can be comprehended at first glance, and thus a serious look into what he is doing for his students may prove well worth the trouble.

Hawkeyes Shoot for Perfection

The site of a demolition job? Hardly; it is the AMA Rifle Range. Even as one enters, the minor explosions that reverberate throughout the area ring in one's ear.

While observing the Hawkeyes, one is struck at once with their determination and desire. This year's team may not have the experience Master Sergeant Dillow would like to see, but as he says, "We have a bunch of hard workers."

When questioned as to the team's chances against such outside competition as Massanutten Military Academy, Randolph Macon Academy, The Miller School, and the Washington and Lee Frosh, Sergeant Dillow said, "I don't know. Its' too early to tell. We're just in the process of selecting and building a team." The response to the query as to who the team's leading point getters are had the same tone. "We have no experienced shooters on the line. We just have a group of boys working hard and learning the principles of marksmanship."

This is not to imply that AMA's season will be devoid of victories. Boys like Bill Trudell, John Borowski, and George Reaves show promise. This, coupled with the belief that there are certainly fine shooters scattered throughout AMA, paints a hopeful picture for the Hawkeyes.

Sergeant Dillow has several suggestions for persons wishing to try out for the team. He remarks, "First of all, they must resolve in their own minds to do a lot of hard work. Generally, the boys that make the team are the ones who are willing to make some sacrifice of their own time. Their maintaining themselves in good physical condition is vitally important."

"Anyone attempting to try for the Hawkeyes," he continues, "should be prepared for disappointment in himself before he reaches satisfaction. Generally, the disappointment comes until he learns to perfect the elements and techniques of firing."

When asked what major obstacles faced the beginner, Sgt. Dillow responded, "A shooter is his greatest competition, because good shooting habits can only be accomplished after one has overcome the problem of emotional discipline and control on the firing line."

Fencers Chop VMI

Touche! was the word of the day when AMA's fencers cut the VMI rats to shreds, defeating them by a score of 16 to 11 during the first match of the season.

Gordon Metz once again proved himself adept at the sabre when he emerged victorious from the three matches he played, and Charley Hillsman showed that AMA sabermen are great when he roundly defeated his two opponents. Brown Carr and John Dudley pleasantly surprised everyone when they won their first matches with sabres.

In the epee event, AMA was not as fortunate. Though much resolution was clearly demonstrated by the Augusta epee fencers, they couldn't seem to overcome the superior skill of the VMI rats. The only two victories in this event were scored by Jack May

and Warren Flowers. These matches were some of the most hotly contested ones of the game.

Foils were the last event to be held. Larry Theil, the squad captain, easily, as everyone expected, won his two matches with a minimum expenditure of effort. Echols proved to be a good foiler when he Zorroed his opponent twice. Rovirosa, with his unusual style of fencing, rather dismayed his opponent. Pannel and Lake also showed great prowess with foils when they beat their opponents.

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Off The Boards

by Jim Testani

It's a mad, mad, mad, mad world when AMA hits the court. Six victories and only one defeat have the spirits and hopes high for a big year in basketball this season.

Led by Stan Bane, John Needy, Tom Bardin, Billie Joe Hodges, and Tommy Trent, the Blue Streaks pulled down consecutive victories over Lynchburg, Washington and Lee, Bridgewater, Randolph Macon, Fishburne, and Columbian Prep before dropping one to SMA on January 10.

A disappointment hit AMA on the eleventh of January. Tom Trent announced that he is leaving for college. This leaves a gap in the starting five. We of the Bayonet wish Tommy the best of luck at college and we thank him for the spirit and effort that he has given the corps.

AMA, without John Needy, was roundly defeated by SMA. Perhaps it was a defeat in score only. A never dying drive carried the boys through the crushing loss in the style of true professionals. These boys showed the SMA crowd what an AMA cadet is. He certainly does not quit, even against insurmountable odds.

A feeling of pride and dignity fills each of us as the Blue Streaks roll on to a winning season.

W&L Drop To Augusta



Up, up, and away the ball soars as John Henderson, Tom Bardin, and Stan Bane look on.

Cheers, lears, and baskets highlighted the game between Augusta's hoopsters and the Washington and Lee College Freshmen Basketball Team. Winning by a score of 106-77, AMA's team truly deserved the applause at their home court on December 7.

Once again, John Needy and Stan Bane led in scoring. In its early stages, the game was a see-saw battle as the lead constantly switched hands until the half. No one is sure as to what Coach Clymore said at the break, but a fired-up AMA hit the court in the third period.

Basket-swapping ended when the Blue Streaks dumped in one shot after another. An exuberant crowd cheered them on as they approached the all-important century mark. Taking pictures was Col. Savedge, who was also cheering for the men in the Blue and White (which ones is questionable, though).

An outstanding job by the Blue Streaks rounded the score to 106-77. This made three consecutive victories for Augusta's team.

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Returning Cadets Get Into Swing



The excitement of returning to AMA can't keep Al Harvel awake on the long trip back.

All over the nation, the pride of Fort Defiance donned their grey uniforms and prepared, somewhat reluctantly, for their tedious trek back to AMA. They kissed their girls and their mothers, patted their dogs on the head, took one long last look at their homes, grimaced, said their final goodbyes, and were on their way.

They came by bus, car, train, and airplane. A common complaint was that the trip was too long and nauseating. The new cadets actually looked forward to the winter, disregarding completely the recollections of the old cadets about years past. The old cadets, on the other hand, took solace in the fact that they at least knew what to expect about post-Christmas AMA. They talked of their wonderful Christmases, the fulfilled New Year's Eve with its aftermath, and her.

Deep in their hearts they were all glad to get back to AMA. They missed the excitement of getting up for reveille formation, the feeling of companionship when they had to wait in the brisk morning air for a late ariser, and the hearty, appetizing breakfasts. Nothing they had at home could compare with the fun they have and youthful exuberance they show at drill. The esprit de corps they develop when marching in a platoon is one of the most rewarding aspects of cadet life at AMA.

When they saw the tower, they knew that they were at Augusta; they couldn't help remembering the many releases from drill and paper formations that had been blown from its loudspeaker, and such similar fond memories. The mail room, otherwise known as Tyree's Palace, and the phone booths were next to be seen by the returning cadets—the amount of money that the C. & P. Phone company makes from them is fantastic. The final shock occurred when the cadets saw their rooms. They were dusty, dirty, cold, clammy, and generally disgusting from three weeks of inattention.

With impending exams, each cadet made vows to himself to study and really hit the books. He also had to get reaccustomed to the idea that personal appearance is important at AMA and that he must devote much of his valuable time to it.

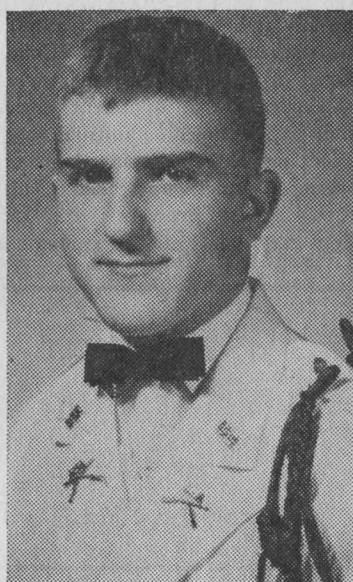
Isn't That Duke Prentice?

"When do you have time to breathe, Jack?" is a good question to ask Jack Prentice. He would have to think twice because the number of activities in which he participates is phenomenal. Besides being the Editor of the *Recall* for the past two years, and presently its Editor Emeritus, he belongs to Ad Astra per Aspera, the Quill and Scroll Society, he is the president of the Honor Committee, and the president of AMA's Cotillion Club. Last year he won the Munden Scholarship.

Among his present duties and responsibilities are the compiling of the guard rosters, helping Mr. Hutton and Sgt. Dillow in the Commandant's Office, and finding dates for lonely AMA cadets at Stuart Hall.

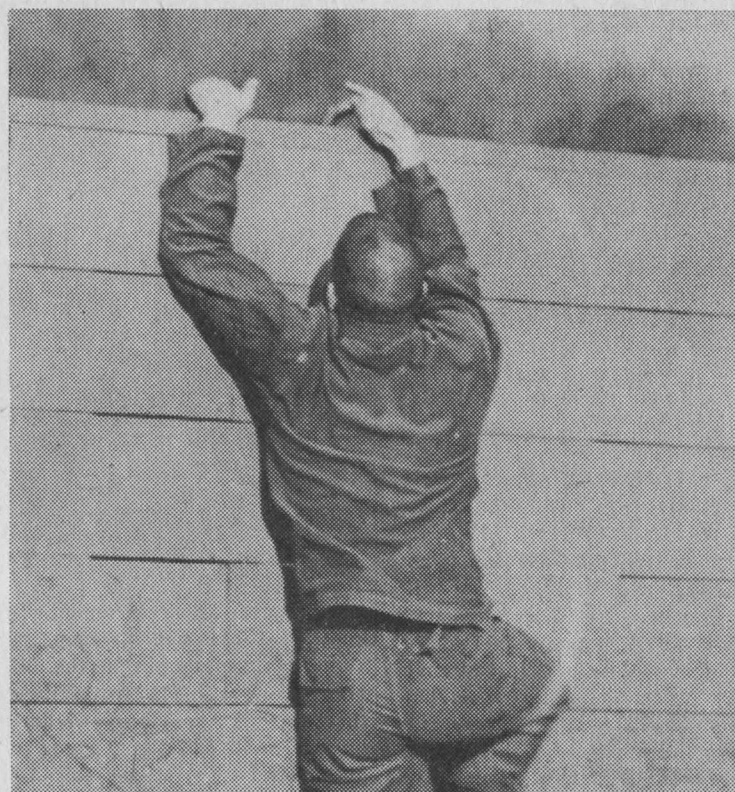
Some of his favorite interests are baseball, unusual art, and a good, big, thick steak. He enjoys English and history and plans to major in either business administration or journalism while in college.

Jack comes from a big family in Alexandria, Virginia. He says he prefers a big family to a smaller one because it is more homey. While at home Jack plays tennis, golf, and baseball, and enjoys a good swim. He also has an active interest in the weaker sex! When not enjoying the aforesaid, Jack works as a retailer in one of the better stores in Alexandria.



It seems that Duke Prentice found time to sit for a pose, but he rarely finds such spare moments.

Join the Marines says Quantico



Prison break? No, it's only Jim Gary going over the Marine obstacle course. He made it.

"Sir, what is your ranking system here in the Marines?", "Sir, is the food always this good?", and "Have you been in Viet Nam yet, Sir?" were some of the many inquiries made by the knowledge-thirsty cadets of AMA on their successful excursion to the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico, Virginia.

The visit to Quantico was the idea of Lt. Col. Cooper and Maj. E. Hart, AMA's representatives from the USMC.

On the day of departure turmoil and mass confusion were rampant; cadets ran back and forth from Shipplett's, searched for articles that must be brought, and Greg Wolff forgot his hat. After a hasty roll taken by Col. Christy, the bus driver reluctantly began the trek. The expeditioners from AMA were in good spirits through the duration of the journey singing spirited songs and refighting the War Between the States.

Some of the expectations of the cadets were quelled when they arrived at Quantico and saw the many crack Marine MPs displaying side arms and clubs. They were especially stunned when Lt. Col. Cooper told them that any cadet acting in a manner unbecoming that of an AMA cadet would be brought to him for admonishment under armed guard.

These worries were soon forgotten by the cadets when they beheld the chow hall and all the delectable items that were to be devoured. By general consensus, they would all enlist in the Marines on the spot if they were guaranteed the same quality of food throughout their hitch.

Racks were made; the barracks were policed; and the group was given free time to explore the Marine Corps Schools. This was the agenda for Friday evening, December 8. AMA's expeditioners should remember this first evening well: the furnace was not functioning well cold air was being forced out of the registers instead of warm. If it wasn't for the fact that it was cold out, none would have cared. It was cold, though, and many cadets found themselves spending the evening in the head (sinks), where the only source of heat was available.

AMA's detail arose early to police the barracks and to prepare for the feast they would be served for breakfast. Some of the dishes that were served at this meal were eggs cooked to order, pancakes, bacon, homefries, fresh toast, oatmeal, all types of fresh fruits, a variety of cereals, and a choice of beverages.

A few brave individuals attempted the obstacle course following the meal. Needless to say, the course was foreboding, but that did not stint their determination to surmount it. Rosenthal, Reynoudt, Shearer, and Buffey did exceptionally well for their first time.

An interesting and eventful tour of the base was next on the well-planned itinerary. The group delighted in such sights as the Officer Candidate School, the base air station, the tank park, and the Marine Corps Museum.

After the agenda was completed, the expeditioners from Augusta were given free time until taps, during which they discovered the many facilities that are provided for NCOs and enlisted men. The cadets went happily to bed that night knowing that the memory of that final evening would long be cherished. In the morning they embarked for Fort Defiance each to himself humming the "Marines Hymn".

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